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(e) the cost of establishment ; and

(f) whether any grant is given by the Government to any of them and if so, what amount?

A.—(a) to (f) It is presumed that the reference is to libraries other than those attached to Educational institutions, the Connemara Public Library and the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. Government have no information in regard to such libraries. The attention of the hon. Member is, however, invited

(i) to supplemental statistics (94) appended to Volume II of the report on Public Instruction for 1927–28, which shows the number of educational associations and reading rooms in each district, and

(ii) to the undermentioned Government Orders (placed on the Editors' Table) in which grants have been sanctioned for public libraries :—

G.O. No. 719, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1921.

G.O. No. 350, Law (Education), dated 7th March 1924.

G.O. No. 1863, Law (Education), dated 28th October 1925.

G.O. No. 2313, Law (Education), dated 16th December 1926.

G.O. No. 75, Law (Education), dated 12th January 1928.

G.O. No. 2366, Law (Education), dated 8th December 1928.

In addition to the amounts specified in the orders quoted above, grants aggregating to Rs. 57,000 have been distributed to village panchayats during the years 1925–26 to 1928–29 (inclusive) towards the maintenance of public libraries.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister will call for a list of libraries ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I have no objection to do so."

Depressed class students receiving collegiate education.

*1540 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students belonging to the depressed classes who are studying in college classes ;

(b) how many of them are free scholars ;

(c) how many of them receive any scholarships ; and

(d) how many of them receive help under boarding ?

A.—The information has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction.